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Applicant's or agent's file reference 12315340/G	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">FOR FURTHER ACTION</div> <div>see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</div> </div>	
International application No. PCT/AU03/01229	International filing date (day/month/year) 19 September 2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 19 September 2002
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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. **5**

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- ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure
- ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention
- ☐ None of the figures

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

An implant clamp for clamping an implant having a base to a bone. The clamp includes a support (10), a means to couple the support to the bone (72), an arm (16) pivotally connected to the support and an actuating member (36) operable to cause rotation of the arm relative to the support member. The arm exerts a force on the implant that is substantially perpendicular to the base.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTERInt. Cl. ⁷: A61F 2/46

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
AU IPC: A61F 2/46Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI JAPIO: clamp bracket vice pressure clasp grasp grip hold applicator bone femur femoral tibia acetabul knee osteo osseous ortho hip implant prosthe artificial replacement pivot rotate hinge flip swivel cam cantilever cement adhesive curing cure set firm harden A61F A61B**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 97/27828 A1 (MASINI) 7 August 1997 Figures 4 and 5, page 10 line 20 to page 15 line 4	1, 2, 21 to 25, 27
A	US 4272163 A (MALCOLM et al) 23 June 1981 Column 3 lines 41 to 52	
A	US 5725596 A (BURKE) 10 March 1998 Figure 14, column 8 lines 19 to 52	

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C
 ☒ See patent family annex

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A	US 6277123 B1 (MARONEY et al) 21 August 2001 Figure 1, column 3 lines 46 to 60	

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Information on patent family members

International application No.

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
WO	97/27828	NO	FAMILY		
US	4274163	CA	1165054		
US	5725596	CA	2149916	CA	2231716
		EP	865776	JP	10-272148
		US	5569255	US	5624443
		US	5702485	US	5951606
		WO	94/12123		
US	6277123	AU	13641/00	EP	1048274
		US	6283999	US	6558425
		US	2001/037152		
				EP	1082943
				US	2001/037115
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